

NEWS OF THE DAY.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

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The action of President Roosevelt in the matter of the New York collectorship has aroused no enthusiasm at the Treasury department and although Secretary Gage refuses to express himself, he is known to be displeased. The record of Collector Bidwell is held greatly to his credit by the Secretary, particularly the part he took in enforcing payment of duties on personal baggage brought into the country by tourists, which during the eight months since the new order of things went in effect, have exceeded those of the same period last year by nearly half a million dollars. As to the succession of Annapolis Wakenan by Col. George W. Whitehead, the feeling at the Treasury department is not so "intense." Secretary Gage has practically insisted that Wakenan should not be reappointed, and to that extent he gained a victory over such powerful opposition as that of Cornelius N. Bliss and others.

To having made in the United States navy the citizens of Illinois today at Fort Monroe, Va., through a delegation of her representative citizens presented to the battleship Illinois a magnificent silver service, the most handsome ever presented a ship of the navy.

The Secretary of the Italian Embassy called this morning at the State department, to announce the arrival of the new Italian Ambassador, Signor E. M. Des Planches, and to make arrangements for his presentation to the President next week. Signor Des Planches succeeds Baron Fava.

Mr. Jefferson, the actor, was introduced to President Roosevelt by Senator Proctor, of Vermont, this morning. In introducing the total of immigrants in the United States by a racial subdivision. The arrivals are classified, for instance, as Germans, Irish, French, Italians, etc. This classification is misleading, in that a Hebrew coming from Germany for instance, would have to be classified either as a German or as a Hebrew. If a German, the total for Germans would be incorrect; if as a Hebrew, the total of Germans would be one short; if both as a Hebrew and as a German, the total would be incorrect. The attention of the Secretary of the Treasury has been called to this fact, in using "Hebrews" as a classification, a religious, rather than a race classification, being made. Secretary Taylor will bring the matter to the attention of Mr. Powderly and a change will be suggested.

The annual report of Mr. Powderly, commissioner of immigration, published today, discusses the dangers to American institutions arising from unchecked and unregulated introduction of elements unassimilated and in many cases uneducable. He recommends that "Congress enact suitable legislation for the purpose of distributing the alien population with some reference to the industrial law of supply and demand."

SOME-HELP-SUFFICIENT southern men, who go north to live, seem to think it incumbent upon them to renounce and put aside all the sentiments and instincts held sacred in their native land, fearing that unless they do this and become truceless they will not be able to ingratiate themselves with the people of their adopted homes. The latest example of this species of renegades is Mr. Moncure D. Conway, who, in a recent letter to the New York Sun, deprecates the resentment of the Southern people because of the dinner given to Booker Washington by the President, and says, "Mr. Washington is the most eminent Southerner now living," and that "the credit of this whole South is resting mainly on this same colored man." Continuing he says:

"I have no admiration for Mr. Roosevelt, but my old Virginia heart is for once warm with a tribute to him, which is suppressed because it is simply legitimate to praise a man for a simply honorable action. Even if Booker Washington were not the gentleman that he is in presence and manner, his public services are such as should not be ignored by the President. * * * Let the righteous and intelligent men and women in the South call a halt to these vulgar ebullitions of provincialism and race hatred; let the white southern youth be exhorted to ponder seriously the career of Booker Washington."

It is an old saying that an apostate is worse than seven Turks, and it is well known that when a southern man falls he falls hard. But if Mr. Conway has become a negrophile in his northern home and favors negro social equality and thinks because the southern people do not, it is "vulgar provincialism and race hatred" on their part, it is to be regretted that he does not stop speaking of himself as a Virginian. Certainly, after this letter no true Virginian will care to know that he is a native of the State and will believe that Mr. Conway left the State for the State's good.

A DETRATOR in yesterday's Gazette stated that the Chicago Record-Herald announced that Daniel S. Lamont, of New York, is likely to be a candidate for the presidential nomination in the next democratic national convention and that the Lamont suggestion comes from and finds favor with those democrats who believed in Grover Cleveland. Well, if Mr. Lamont is relying on "Cleveland democrats" to make him President he need not bother about preparing an inaugural address.

REV. DR. PARKHURST in a recent statement said: "I am for Sunday opening of the saloons during certain hours, because the Germans regard this as their inalienable right, and I regard them as one of the most valuable factors in our population. I look upon the German idea of a beer garden as one of the most beautiful examples of domesticity in the world. I have been in them on every day in the week and I know something about them."

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Failures in the United States for the week aggregate 213, as against 191 last week and 227 this week say our azo.

Senator Vest, of Missouri, who is now in Washington, says he will retire from politics and will not be a candidate for re-election.

It took Joe Gass just one round and a half to knock out Jack Hanlon last night before the Eureka Athletic Club at Baltimore.

General Weyer, the Spanish minister of war, will temporarily replace Premier Sagasta should the latter's illness continue.

William Hamilton, of Beloit, Wis., yesterday shot himself and his wife, whom he recently married after a three-day acquaintance.

Lord Kitchener reports that a patrol of yeomanry at Brakpur, in the Transvaal, was surrounded by Boers and lost 6 men killed and 16 wounded.

The annual report of Secretary Long recommends the construction of twenty-two war vessels, and an increase of three thousand in the enlisted force of the navy.

At the opening of the twenty-eighth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in Fort Worth, Texas, yesterday, President of Lillian M. Stevens said liquor is one of the chief sources of anarchy.

George Zollinger, receiving teller of the Williamsburg, New York, Savings Bank, confessed that he and Harry E. Corbett, a former paying teller, now dead, took \$50,000 of the bank's funds and spent the money in stock speculation.

State Senator Nevada N. Stranahan, of Oswego, N. Y., received a letter from President Roosevelt yesterday announcing that he intended removing George B. Bidwell as collector of the port of New York and tendering to Mr. Stranahan the appointment, to take effect April 1, 1902. The Senator wired his acceptance and started for Washington.

Mayor-elect Seth Low, of New York, arrived at the White House last evening and spent the night there. Mr. Low dined with the President and spent the evening in conversation with him. He will return to New York today. It was stated that the visit of Mr. Low had no national political interest. He came to discuss with President Roosevelt the municipal affairs of New York.

The fight between James J. Jeffries, of Los Angeles, and Gus Ruhlin, of Akron, Ohio, for the championship of the world, ended at the championship last night in a victory for Jeffries at the end of the fifth round. Ruhlin was unable to stand any more punishment, and gave up the contest. Probably no more unsatisfactory fight ever took place between heavyweights than that of last night. The seconds of Ruhlin threw up the sponge in the fifth round to the amazement of Jeffries and the assemblage. Ruhlin claimed after the fight that he had been hit "foul blow in the stomach which rendered him useless. Jeffries simply toyed with Ruhlin and came out of the battle without a mark. Ruhlin was met with a cyclone of blows.

Rev. Hunter Davis and Miss Margaret Sealeman were married at Occoquan on Wednesday.

Miss Viola Roach, of Manassas, and Mr. H. I. Boyer, of the army, were married Thursday night by the Rev. Mr. Pendleton.

Henry Ratcliffe, while drunk, murdered his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. S. Huddle, on Thursday about one mile from Rural Retreat.

Charles P. Oliver, of the Leander McCormick Observatory, at the University of Virginia says he saw a shower of Leonid meteors last night.

Howard Miller, colored, was caught in the act of setting fire to a building adjoining the City High School, in Staunton, on Thursday night.

Ex-Judge Robert W. Hughes, formerly of the U. S. district court, is quite ill at his home near Abingdon, but in no immediate danger. He is eighty years old.

Joel Hurt, while in the act of flogging his wife on Thursday in Washington county, a few miles from Abingdon, was killed by his ten-year-old son, who shot him through the head with a pistol.

Dr. M. B. Ruggles, Jr., son of Major M. B. Ruggles, formerly of Fredericksburg, died in New York yesterday, after a brief illness, aged 25 years. He was a grandson of Mrs. Gen. Daniel Ruggles.

The terrible death of Mr. John W. Scott, who was found unconscious in Richmond on Thursday morning, is mystifying the police. At first they thought there was little doubt that Mr. Scott was first robbed and then beaten to death. The police, however, now feel confident that Mr. Scott was not robbed. The coroner believes that Scott's assailant was a left-handed man. This he judges from the character of one of the wounds.

RUMORED CABINET CHANGES.—Rumors of cabinet changes are revived. It is asserted that there will be several changes in President Roosevelt's official family within the next sixty days. The first, it is said, will be in the office of secretary of State. Secretary Hay has been anxious to be relieved of the exacting duties of his office for some time, and his friends assert that he will soon retire. He will probably be succeeded by Secretary Root, and the War Department portfolio will be given, it is said, to a prominent southern republican, or, possibly, some southern gold democrat.

Secretary Hitchcock is expected to retire early in January. His successor, it is believed, will be ex-Governor Wm. R. Merriam, of Minnesota, director of the census. Director Merriam is a warm personal friend of the President. He is thoroughly familiar with the questions that come before the Interior Department.

RACES AT CHARLESTON.—A meeting of the Charleston Racing Association, a syndicate of horsemen who have acquired the exclusive racing privilege from the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition, was held here yesterday. Secretary Schultz announced that Mrs. Lynn Wall & Co., well-known bookmakers, had associated themselves with the enterprise. The association will offer purses each day amounting to \$1,000 or more. Racing will begin on December 2 and continue daily throughout the continuance of the exposition.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

There was much spicy debate in the constitutional convention yesterday over the report of the committee on education under consideration in the committee of the whole. The section which provoked this debate was that naming the Governor, Attorney-General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, chairman of the faculty of the university and the heads of the Military Institute, Female Normal School, William and Mary College and Polytechnic Institute as members of the Board of Education. The report also provides for the election of the Superintendent of Public Instruction by this central board. Numerous amendments were offered intended to exclude the heads of these institutions of learning and for the election of the Superintendent by the people. Dr. McIlwaine, the chairman, in explaining the report, said the committee had had the benefit of much expert testimony and some that was otherwise. The report was unanimously signed by the committee and the minority report was not made. He said the efforts of the committee had been to obtain an efficient free school system but the legislature would have to be trusted to carry out the law. This was recognized throughout the report. He explained that the addition of the five heads of the State educational institutions to the present State Board of Education was to meet the numerous objections of present political or partisan control. The change made was to secure a nonpartisan and thoroughly equipped board, removed as far as possible from the arena of politics.

Mr. O'Flaherty criticized the entire report and offered a substitute, striking out the heads of the State institutions and substituting five superintendents of county schools, to be chosen from the five divisions of the State and elected by the people. He claimed that the proposed system would inaugurate a naturalism of ring politics. It would put the hands of the heads of State institutions on the threat of the legislature and say, "If you do not give us liberal appropriations for our colleges, we will destroy your free schools." He disclaimed any purpose of attacking these institutions and then severely criticized the State University as having no connection with any but the wealthier classes of the State. There was a spicy debate between the Chairman McIlwaine and Senator Kerzel, the latter asserting that the committee proposed to have college presidents control the free schools, when they should be in the hands of a board closer to the people. The committee rose before a vote was taken.

A number of memorials were submitted, and the suffrage plan offered by Mr. Braxton a few days ago was reported back from the committee on elective franchise, with the request that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of it.

The finance committee last night heard Judge Harrison in support of his resolution providing a system of taxation. The body was so impressed with the importance of the ordinance that it decided to give representatives of cities, railroads and liquor interests a special hearing. Railroads will be heard Tuesday, the 25th, at 10 o'clock, and cities and liquor men the next day at the same hour.

Under the plan real estate is to be taxed by counties and cities for local purposes, and the revenue of the State is to be derived from taxation of franchises of railroads and other corporations, liquor licenses, &c. The general assembly is authorized to tax railroads not exceeding \$300 per mile and taxes for sale of liquor shall be from \$500 to \$1,000 per annum.

Mr. Thom made a strong argument in behalf of his resolution to allow municipalities to exempt themselves from property taxation. It is proposed that the exemption shall only be granted when voted for by the citizens of the city desiring it. No vote was taken.

VIRGINIA BAPTISTS.—The Baptist General Association of Virginia at its session in Richmond yesterday adopted the report submitted by the educational conference recommending that the denominational schools be drawn together into a system of co-ordination. Provision is made for an educational commission. Other matters of interest at the session were the reception of the report of the treasurer, which was highly encouraging, and the contribution of \$4,000 toward the increased endowment of Richmond College.

The liquor question was spring unexpectedly late last night, and exciting scenes followed. Mr. A. B. Long, of Lynchburg, was barely permitted to speak in opposition to a resolution endorsing the Quarles-Barbour resolution now before the constitutional convention, and his sentiments were bisected by a very unusual thing in this dignified body.

The resolution endorsing the Quarles-Barbour resolution was adopted by an enthusiastic rising vote, only two members voting against it.

VIRGINIA METHODISTS.—In the Virginia conference, M. E. Church South, in session at Newport News yesterday important resolutions were presented, class candidates were examined and promoted and there were spirited discussions relative to the insurance of church property and to the operations of the Virginia Bible Society.

A resolution was offered to memorialize the general conference to take such action as will relieve the church of all responsibility for the "war claim."

Another resolution memorialized the general Methodist conference to enact such legislation as is necessary to authorize that unordained preachers when in charge of a circuit, station or mission shall, in the absence of a bishop, elder or deacon, have the right to administer the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper and perform the rites of matrimony.

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Madrid, Nov. 16.—Premier Sagasta who has been ill for several days, is worse today.

Paris, Nov. 16.—Princess Chimay, formerly Countess Ward, of Detroit, Mich., whose sensational engagement with an itinerant gypsy fiddler some years ago, caused a sensation in lying seriously ill at a hotel here. Janos Rigo, the fiddler, is with her.

Berne, Nov. 16.—The arbitration of the Guano dispute has been finished. The arbitrators have decided that \$2,000,825 shall be divided between the Guano Consignatory in which of America, are Dreyfus Bros; Paris, Peruvian Corporation, limited, and the Financial Commercial Company, of the Pacific. All other claimants were rejected.

New York, Nov. 16.—Warner Barnes & Co., of London, England, began suit today in the United States Circuit Court to obtain a return of \$128,520 which they paid to Collector Bidwell, under protest, upon a cargo of sugar brought by them from Iloilo, island of Panay, in the Philippines. The complaint states that the cargo was brought to this port on the steamship Dunotter, which arrived here on October 22, and was held up for the payment of duty by the collector on the ground that it came from a foreign country. The duty was finally paid under protest. A decision will affect many other importations and the sum involved is many times greater than the amount sued for.

The Nicaragua Canal Treaty.
London, Nov. 16.—The New York correspondent of the Manchester Guardian learns that Lord Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador to the United States, has cabled the final text of the Nicaragua canal treaty. The treaty, the correspondent says, agrees: First—To the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. Second—Neutrality in peace and war is guaranteed by the United States. Third—There shall be no discriminating tolls against British shipping. The opinion